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### A GRADUATION THOUGHT

In 1958 the college graduate faces a more difficult world than he faced in 1957 or 19 6—in the economic field. The high school graduate, if he is going on to college, need not worry too much about the economy at the moment.

However, it is true that the graduate from college, or high school, who is going out into the world to earn his living, faces a more bleak prospect now than any graduating class has in recent years. We would like to point out to the young people, however, that there is always room for a good worker, and for one who will do the job a little better than his fellow-man.

Perhaps this is good initial training, and if those youngsters who have the desire, the ambition and determination to succeed, will do their best, and apply their full talents to the job, they will succeed. Times will not always be tight, and the man who proves himself in meager times will do even better in good times.

It should be noted that some of the youngsters in this area, who went into business immediately after World War II, or during World War II, have never known really difficult economic years. Some of them who are supposed to be salesmen are nothing but order-takers, and they do not know how to hustle when the chips are down and when it is a real fight to earn a dollar.

This crop of youngsters, some of them at least, is now experiencing difficult times, and it is likely that some of them will be going out of business because they had never been tempered in the tough economic mill. We are not at all convinced that a major depression must once again be faced by our nation. There is too much solid demand for goods and services for that. Nevertheless, it is not amiss to point out these facts to some who might become too easily discouraged at an easing off in their income and standard of living.

As far as the international situation is concerned, the graduate of 1958 faces a world in which the United States stands recognized as the most powerful country in existence. It must be admitted, though, that we are facing a challenge as great as any in the history of our young country.

This the graduate of 1958 is faced with a double challenge. It is he who will protect and retain our way of life, and it is he who must keep in mind that a system of fair play, and a Christian approach to all problems, is the best mode of life. The graduate of 1958 will, and can, succeed if he applies himself industriously. We urge every graduate to dedicate himself to conscientious application, study and industry—if he would make a place for himself in this world.

We salute the graduate, of the class of 1 958, and wish them well on their great exploration into the world of free enterprise.

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### STATE DEPARTMENT WASTE

The State Department, it has been revealed, paid a modern dance group $275,000 in salaries and gave it cocktail parties which cost the taxpayers some $1,800. This was the information given Congress recently by J. F. Maedanz.

Oddly enough, this sort of thing has been going on for years. The idea is to give other countries an idea of how we live—or to exchange our culture with that of other countries. It is a close question whether we have gained anything in recent years by exchanging culture with foreign nations. Certain tours and certain artists have made good impressions, but others have made bad impressions.

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### MAY, JUNE, AND MARRIAGES

A lot of people may not know it, but May was formerly considered an unlucky month for marriage. We in the United States do not pay much attention today to this superstition.

In fact, the way the month of June became the month of marriages, is connected with the superstition that May was not the m nth in which young people should marry. Therefore, when June came around it produced a "two-month" crop of marriages.

June is hailed as a month for marriages. And because so many graduate that month from high schools and colleges, late May and early June are usually good months for the merchant. And in addition to marriages and graduations, June is also the month in which Fathers' Day falls, and it adds up to a lot of gifts being purchased and given.

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### BIGGER CARS AHEAD

Despite all the talk about smaller cars, partly brought on by the success of some small European models in this country, the word from Detroit is that 1959 model automobiles will be lower and longer.

This is the standard trend, which has been continuing in the United States for many years. The 1959 model automobile is to be abig, glamorous automobile, but without radical automotive changes.

In some circles it is said that emphasis on horsepower will definitely be decreased, and that gasoline mileage will be one of the major advertising themes. Many people currently are interested in operational economy more than in horsepower, speed and chrome.

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This is the time of year we usually plan luxurious vacations in far away places, to be financed by money to be saved between now and summer.

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The best way to eliminate opponents in most debates is to let them do the talking; sooner or later they will hang themselves with the rope you give them.

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Learn to laugh at yourself; sometimes you are pretty funny.

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It should be remembered that the United States can sell its goods to other nations only if it is willing to buy something in return.

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Graciousness is misunderstood by brutes as weakness.

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Never underestimate your own ability, other people will do it for

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Nobody agrees when you tell him or her they have a soft job, with good pay.

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The danger in ignorance is that so many people have it without suspecting it.

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have as much sense as you do, they won't take your advice, and if they have as much as you do, they won't take your advice, and if they do, do, they don't need it.

## Washington Notes

**Passage of R. F. D. Bill**

The House recently passed and sent to the Senate a bill increasing the equipment maintenance allowance of rural mail carriers from 6 to 10 cents a mile. It sets a minimum of $3.50 and a maximum of $6 a day.

**New Technique**

The underground explosion of a "baby" atomic bomb in Nevada last September knocked the pen of a specially designed seismograph in Michigan clear across its recording roll.

This disclosure, combined with other information still cloaked in secrecy, has encouraged leading earthquake specialists to believe that an effective system for detecting nuclear explosions would be possible, but difficult, to achieve.

Such a system would be a key element in any disarmament inspection system.

**Better U. S. Ties Urged**

A House Foreign Affairs Committee mission recently called for greater understanding between the United States and Canada to head off "gathering irritations" that have arisen in recent years.

In a special report to the committee, Representatives Brooks Hayes, Democrat of Arkansas, and Frank M. Coffin, Democrat of Maine said that the two countries might be equally to blame for the growing irritations. The study group went on to suggest several means of reducing the "irritations."

**Antarctic Study Is Set**

The United States and Australia have agreed to joint operation of the Wilkes Research Station in Antarctica after the close of the International Geophysical Year, Dec. 31.

A joint announcement said the United States would contribute the buildings and facilities at its Wilkes Station, plus all supplies, fuel and food remaining there Dec. 31. Australia will provide logistic and administrative services.

**High Cost of Living**

Extra Taft Benson gave forth the gloomy news recently that he did not see any break in the cost of red meat, particularly the better cuts, in the near future.

He pointed out that Department of Agriculture economists had forecast a slight downward trend for this spring, although they said that the price of better grades of beef likely would continue to hold above the levels of a year ago.

The Secretary of Agriculture added that the price of beef was near the point of causing real consumer resistance.

**Atom Power Plan Cut**

The Administration has sent Congress a scaled-down atomic power program. It amounts to a new declaration of war on Democrats of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.

The Administration proposed construction of only one advanced-type reactor. Committee Democrats, who have been pressing for construction of several atomic power plants, made clear that they would not be satisfied with the Administration offer and would once again attempt to push their program through Congress.

**Income and Education**

The Census Bureau has issued a report based on 1956 surveys showing in general that income and education moved together.

For example one of ten families is headed by a college graduate and the average income of these families was about $7,000 in 1956.

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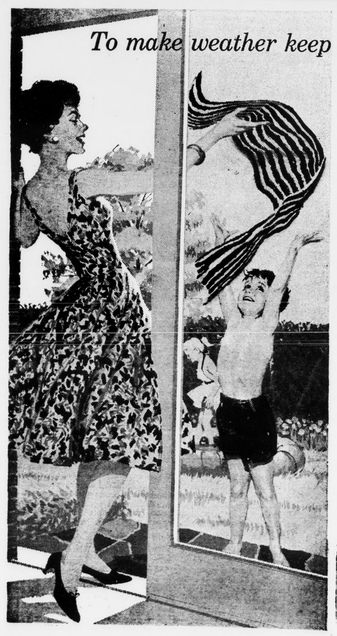


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[illegible], May 20.- Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Dunthur and his mother, of [illegible] visited Mrs. Louis [illegible] and Mrs. Bessie Cobbs Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Eston Harvey and [illegible] of Falls Church visited [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. William [illegible] Mother's Day.

Mrs. James D. Marshall [illegible] Doug," were the Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. [illegible] W. Clarke Moore.

[illegible]-District meeting of the [illegible] was held at Mt. Comfort [illegible] Sunday evening.

[illegible] Dunkard is spending [illegible] with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Georrge Taylor in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Coleman spent Saturday in Staunton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis, of Madison Heights announce the birth of a baby boy, born Thursday, May 15, at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

**Sorry, Wrong Family**

Syracuse, N. Y.- While Palmer Burbridge and his family were eating breakfast in their home, officers entered and evicted the family over the protests of Burbridge. Later, the red-faced officers admitted the eviction notice was meant for the family living next door.

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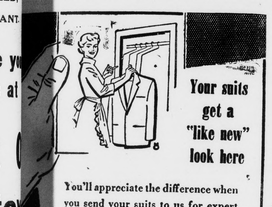


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Bible Material: Deuteronomy 6:11. Lesson Text: Deuteronomy 6:1-25.

## Life, Law and God

Lesson for May 25, 1958

Dr. Foreman

THERE are three kinds of law in the Old Testament. Christians are sometimes confused about them because of not stopping to consider just what these kinds of law are. The Ten Commandments come first of all. They are the key to all the other laws. From that day to this —or for that matter, long before that time—all particular laws in human society, so far as they are good, will be seen to be particular cases or applications of some one or another of the Ten Commandments. These are moral, they are God's laws for all, they are still the basic pattern of right living.

Second are the "statutes" as they are sometimes called, the special laws for ancient Israel, embedded in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, in various legal codes. These are like the laws of any country or city that no longer exists. The law died when the country died. What is still living in the statutes is their principles, and these are as good as new. The third class of laws is the great mass of regulations governing the rituals and the sacrifices. These have no binding effect whatever today, because the Tabernacle and Temple are no more, and "Christ our Passover" has been once and for all sacrificed for us.

**God's Law No Barbed-Wire Fence**

What is said about the Law of God in Deuteronomy 6 and 11, not to mention elsewhere, supports three propositions. If we put each of these propositions negatively, it is because the opposite proposition is positive, but positively wrong. First it must be said, against a chorus of croakers, that God's Law is no barbed-wire or any other sort of fence. It is not a chain, handcuffs, nor a prison wall. It does not repress, it releases. Note how often in these chapters, and in the Bible, God's will and law are connected with life. Religion has been called (falsely) a "set of scruples." —that is to say, all that religion can do for a man is to make him dreadfully uncomfortable in the region of the conscience. That is definitely not the idea of Deuteronomy. The law of God sets man free. It no more hinders him than a railway track hinders the train.

**God's Law Not Superfluous**

Another proposition suggested by Deuteronomy is that the law of God is not superfluous. Some people think that because we live under grace, as Christians do, the law is not needed any more. A remark made by the great Saint Augustine is often quoted and enlarged on: Love God, said he, and then you can do as you please. Any act done out of love is right, therefore all you need is love, and the law will take care of itself. Now it is not true that all acts done from love are right. A good many really vicious things have been perpetrated in the name of God by men who loved God with all their might. There have been some quite benevolent tyrants. The New Testament does not suggest that we have grown beyond the law of God now that we know the new law of Love. Rather, love shows us ways in which we may fulfill God's laws. You will find "Love God with all your heart" in Deuteronomy (6:5) and "Love your neighbor as yourself" in Leviticus (19:18). But no writer or user of the Old Testament has supposed that all the other laws but those two could be erased.

**God's Law Not God's Whim**

An important third point about the Law of God is suggested in these chapters from Deuteronomy. It is the right answer to an old question: Could God have turned the Ten Commandments upside down, so to speak, if he had wanted to? Could he just as well have said, Thou shalt have others Gods before me . . . Thou shalt kill, thou shalt commit adultery, dishonor thy parents, lie and steal? Did he draw these laws, so to speak, out of a cloud, as tickets are drawn at a raffle? In short, are the laws of God arbitrary, a matter of divine caprice? Is all we can say about "right" and "wrong" only "He wants it that way, so shut up!"? Absolutely not. God made man, he made man in his own image. With man, and in man, God created and implanted the laws of man's existence. God's will for man is rooted in his love for us his children.

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## Vera

Vera, May 19.- "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever." -Psalms CXXV-1.

The farmers have surely been busy planting their crops and gardens this pretty weather.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Hettie Riley, and extend sympathy to her family.

Rev. Charles Addington visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Wednesday.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson on Thursday.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Jim Moses, and extend sympathy to her family.

Miss Harriette Harvey is on the sick list, with German measles. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

The community was saddened by the passing of Mr. Walter Bryant. So many are passing away. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson on Saturday night.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mr. T. C. Harvey were Mr. Jimmie Harvey and James Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Mrs. Lester B. Harvey and Mrs. Eva Hayden, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson.

Mrs. Lester B. Harvey, Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Mrs. Eva Hayden visited in the home of Mrs. Mildred Warters, Mrs. J. W. Warters and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harvey on Friday.

Mrs. Lester B. Harvey and Mrs. Eva Hayden visited in the home of Mrs. Maude Abbitt on Sunday.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds and Mrs. Alex Gobble are all on the sick list, and hope for them a speedy recovery.

## Hixburg

Hixburg, May 19.- Seventeen members of the Pamplin Home Demonstration Club gathered at the home of the president, Mrs. Virginia Martin on Thursday afternoon. The club welcomed one new member, Mrs. Ruby Covington.

The artistic members decided to decorate trays. Old waiters that had been relegated to the back of the pantry could be brought out, painted and given a new position in the living room.

Miss Mary Armistead, acting county home agent, had already reserved space for a handicraft day, for the Pamplin Club, at Holliday Lake, on July 14.

The next business was instructions with charts picturing meat cuts, what to buy and how to cook. Mrs. Bob Covington and Mrs. Henry Covington assisted Mrs. Martin in serving a cold plate luncheon.

The June meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Frank Irving.

Another Hixburger plans to come back home to live. Clarence Brown, of Richmond, step-son of the late Witt Bristow, has bought the old Bristow place. He will tear down the old dwelling house and build a new one.

On Wednesday, Mrs. W. M. Erwin returned to Mount Ulla, N. C., after a three-days' visit with her sister, Miss Maggie Hix, who has not been so well.

Miss Carrie Hix was the guest of Mrs. A. C. Gates in Richmond from Sunday until Tuesday.

Mr. Watkins McPhillips and family, of Richmond spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhillips.

Mr. Ernest Carson is visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Urai Carson, in Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClenny and Mary Wilson, of Pamplin called on Miss Maggie Hix on Sunday afternoon.

Many people from this neighborhood attended the funeral services for Mr. Walter Bryant at Spring Creek Baptist Church at Darlington Heights on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Bryant was the father of Mrs. Jim Carson, of Hixburg.

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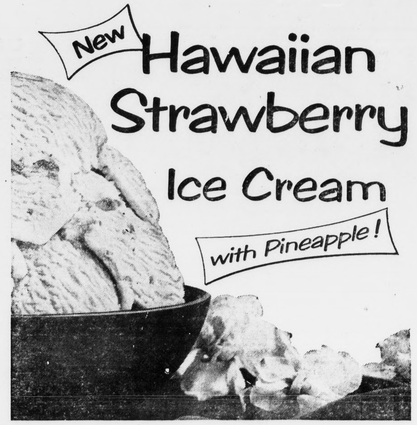


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